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1. In early July six 1,000-ton Soviet snorkel submarines, under the command of Soviet naval captain Lamoskin, arrived in the Port Arthur area from Vladivostok. These vessels are to operate under the Soviet Third Military District Command. Their mission is to patrol the Yellow Sea, Chihli Gulf, and East China Sea areas.
2. On 17 July 18 motor junks left Whampoa for Wuchou (111-19, 23-28), where they were to be based, to patrol the West River, in the Wuchou area.
3. By 19 July the Whampoa Shipyards had completed the construction of 300 large and small motor junks. The large junks were each equipped with armor plate, powered by twin engines, and armed with one 25 mm. gun and two 13 mm. machine guns.¹
4. In mid-July the Wenchou Military Sub-District Command and approximately 1,000 militia men from the Tungshan (120-36, 28-12) area held day and night amphibious operations and training exercises in the Wenchou area.
5. On the night of 18 July the Nationalist naval vessels CHIALLING (嘉陵), YALUNG (雅龍), and CHIANGHSIU (江秀) went to the rescue of Nationalist gunboat Number 112 immediately after it had been surrounded and attacked by Chinese Communist motor junks off Ting'ai't'ou (亭台頭), in the Chenhaich'eng (118-05, 24-16) area. During the battle one Chinese Communist junk was sunk and one was captured; the remainder withdrew to the Chenhaich'eng area.

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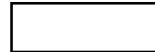
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6. On 19 July four Chinese Communist motor junks were run aground and sunk by Nationalist naval vessels, including the CHIHALING, in Chianglehun Bay (117-52, 24-04).

1.  Comment.  previous information on the construction of motor junks at Whampoa.

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